

	Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes - Southern May 14, 2009, 5:00 pm – 7:00 p.m. Charles County Health Department	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions /Follow-up
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Review of March's Minutes & Evaluations 	Linda Fenlon welcomed everyone and introductions occurred.	
Meeting Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of RAC • Meeting Purpose 	Kip Castner gave an overview of the RAC and explained the purpose of the meeting.	
HIV Care Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Clark, Chief, Center for HIV Care Services, AIDS Administration 	Glenn Clark reviewed the HIV Care Priorities and the Allocation Formula for SY2010 – Southern Region (handouts provided) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Brief Overview of Parts B&D • Minority AIDS Initiative • Health Services Support • HIV Health Services by Region • Health Services Support • Prioritization of HIV Care Needs • Priorities for Part B Funding, Southern Region • SFY10 Allocation Formula • Distribution of Part B Funds • The Maryland HIV Services Allocation Formula • Regional Allocations of Part B Funds from Allocation Formula SFY10 • Allocation Variables-Southern Region • Public Comments Regarding the Allocation Formula 	
HIV Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kip Castner introduced the HIV Prevention Dialogue, reviewed the discussion objectives 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kip Castner, Deputy Chief, Center for Prevention, AIDS Administration 	<p>and provided an overview of the process. (handouts provided)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAC members discussed the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the current prevention needs in your community? • What services or activities are currently available in your community to reduce HIV transmission? • What additional services or activities are needed to reduce HIV transmission? • Notes from the discussion are attached to these minutes. Highlights included: • Participants discussed the HIV prevention needs in the Southern region. Some of the needs identified included: bringing awareness to the general public and others who do not perceive themselves as belonging to a group at risk for or affected by HIV/AIDS, such as senior citizens. In addition to the lack of risk perception was a lack of perception of the severity of HIV infection. Attendees explained that the general public usually lacks a sense of the difficulty of living with HIV including medication side effects; thus they imagine that becoming HIV infected is “no big deal” and are not highly motivated to avoid infection. Public transportation was also identified as a need, as was programming targeting youth. Another group at risk was senior citizens/baby boomers who again may not realize the risks associated with unprotected sex. Injection drug users, heterosexual men and women, and men who identify as heterosexual but who have sex with other men, were also among the groups identified as most at risk. • Resources identified in Southern Maryland to help prevent the spread of HIV included those of the Charles County Health Department. • Recommended/needed activities and strategies discussed among the group were: widespread media campaigns about the disease as well as prescriptions and treatments available to HIV/AIDS patients, local media campaigns, placing HIV education programs in schools, encouraging parents to test their adolescent children, expanding the routine offer of testing, seminars in senior centers and churches, and programs to teach adult children how to talk to parents who may not understand the disease. • Kip explained the next steps for utilizing the feedback provided by the RAC to plan HIV prevention efforts. 	
<p>MSM Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kip Castner and Jean-Michel Brevette, Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kip Castner informed the group about the MSM Response Team, convened by the AIDS Administration to focus on the HIV prevention programming needs of MSM. The MSM Response Team is conducting a series of discussion groups of MSM in all five regions of Maryland. Jean-Michel Brevette asked for RAC participants’ help in identifying men 	

for Prevention, AIDS Administration	who could be trained to lead the discussion groups, recruit participants, or participate in them. He also sought self-identified MSM to participate in the NRI-RISE intervention in Baltimore, and then become NRI-RISE small group facilitators when it launches in Southern.	
Epidemiology Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Flynn, Chief of the Center for Surveillance and Epidemiology, AIDS Administration 	Colin Flynn presented HIV/AIDS in Southern Region: An epidemiological Profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2007 AIDS Case Report Rates and Estimated Adult AIDS Prevalence Rates Maryland HIV/AIDS Trends Factors Affecting Maryland's Incidence Trends Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence Maryland Regional Advisory Committee Regions Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Region, 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Trends Southern HIV/AIDS Prevalence Southern Southern HIV/AIDS Prevalence by County, 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Prevalence Rates per 100,000 Population by County, Southern , 12/31/07 Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Gender, Southern HIV Incidence by Gender by Year of Diagnosis, Southern Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Race/Ethnicity, Southern HIV Incidence by Race/Ethnicity by Year of Diagnosis, Southern Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Age, Southern HIV Incidence by Age by Year of Diagnosis, Southern Risk Categories Percent of Cases with Risk Reported through 12/31/08, by Year of HIV Diagnosis, Southern HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Risk, Southern , 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Risk across Gender, Southern , 12/31/07 HIV Incidence by Risk by Year of Diagnosis, Southern HIV/AIDS in the Southern Region HIV/AIDS in the Southern Region: Demographics & Transmission Risk 	
Wrap Up Community Input and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants thanked the AIDS Administration and staff for coming and sharing this information at this meeting. The next Southern RAC meeting will occur on September 24, 2009, from 4:30pm-7pm at 	

	<p>the Charles County Health Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Advisory Committee Capacity Building Session Meetings will be held on June 10, 2009 10a.m. – 2p.m. at Chesapeake Community College in Wye Mills. Also on June 11, 2009 4:30p.m. – 8p.m. at the Radisson at Cross Keys. • Attendance at today’s meeting; 5 AIDS Administration staff, 15 guests. Total 20 	
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Respectfully Submitted, Chelsea Strength

**Prevention Dialogue
(taken from the scribe notes)**

What are the current HIV prevention needs in your community?	What services or activities are currently available in your community to reduce HIV transmission?	What additional services or activities are needed to reduce HIV transmission?
<p><u>Needs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased HIV risk perception – general public & seniors • Severity perception – maint. issues & disease management • Public Transportation • “Being careful is not enough.” <p><u>Most at risk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth & young adults – getting younger • Seniors & Cougars • IDU • Heterosexual men & men having sex with men • Women 	<p><u>Existing Programs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles County Health Department • Media/TV clip on HIV meds adherence 	<p><u>Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV education in schools • Encourage parents to have adolescent children tested • Expand routinized offering of testing in Emergency Departments • Seminars in senior centers and churches • Programs to teach adult children how to talk to older parents/grandparents • HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral • Take care of yourself • HIV Medication Adherence assistance • Media campaign • Education about challenges of living with HIV “not a death sentence, a life sentence” – removing myths about a “cure” • More HIV testing: more ways to test (home testing) • More education about time between infection and development of symptoms • More ed. about the meaning/timing of +/- test results • Media campaign encouraging pp/into Tx

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More realistic depictions of side effects of HIV meds• Include education on co-infection issues (HCV, HBV, etc.)
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Respectfully Submitted, Ruth Burke